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GOVERNMENTAL INVESTIGATIONS HAVE COST NATION THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS

Commissions Are Usually Little More Than Pleasure
Junkets—Roosevelt Figured in Customs Investigation in 1877—Scandals of the Seventies.

THE present investigation of the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy is but one of hundreds of inquiries of great and small import that have been made by the government through its legislative and executive branches in the past hundred years. Millions of pages of testimony have been accumulated and embodied in the records of the congress, the executive departments and the courts, and millions of dollars have been spent in the asking of questions and the gathering of facts. Usually it is congress itself that provides for investigations and probes, but often the departments do it on their own initiative.

Five Investigations.
At the present time there are at least five important investigations being conducted by the government. The Ballinger-Pinchot controversy is being threshed out, the monetary commission has not finished its work, the Brownsville court of inquiry still stands in question, and the meat trust is being probed. In addition to these the immigration commission still has work to do. As a rule all governmental investigations come high, but some are so expensive as the commissions created by congress.

The immigration commission already has spent more than \$600,000 in probing the immigration question, and it wants still more money. The monetary commission also is spending money by the hundreds of thousands of dollars, and the industrial commission was no more careful of Uncle Sam's pocketbook when it made its investigations into industrial junkets.

Measure Junkets.
Usually these commissions are little more than pleasure junkets. The members travel abroad in regal style and nearly all of them are on the rolls at the capitol. These commissions plan to go abroad just about vacation time, and the members really are to be paid for their secretary, who is thus enabled to draw two salaries from Uncle Sam, and have his expenses paid while making a trip to Europe. Whether these commissions really are worth what they cost is a question about which there has been much discussion.

Fruitless Probe.
The senate Brownsville inquiry represents about the most fruitless effort to get at the truth that has ever resulted from a governmental investigation. It cost over a hundred thousand dollars to conduct the hearings and little more was known of the matter when the senate got through than before it began.

The testimony fills books which would occupy a whole shelf in a sectional bookcase, witnesses having been brought from the four corners of the country. The standard oil probe made by the department of commerce and labor and the beef trust investigation by the same department, are about the most important investigations ever made under a cabinet officer. It will be recalled that in the beef trust investigation the commission which had been created by the packers made a profit of only 95 cents each on the cattle they had butchered. Few investigations have been received with more incredulity.

Nobody believed that the standard oil probe had reached the bottom of the subject. The standard oil investigation was the one that resulted in the Keneaw Mountain Landis verdict of \$29,000,000 against the Rockefeller combination.

Schley Court of Inquiry.
The court of inquiry made some times being hoist by their own petard when asking for information from the departments. Many readers will recall the time when the house asked for information about the relations of the members of congress with the post-office department. There was never a more indignant set of men than the members of the house, when nearly all of them were embraced in this respect. It was then that William Alden Smith made his sensational speech nominating Uncle Joe Cannon for president. The house that now quarrels with Mr. Cannon applauded itself hoarse that day.

W. W. Briggs.
Few inquiries have attracted such wide interest as the Schley court of inquiry, in which it was attempted to settle the controversy growing out of the battle with the Spanish fleet at Santiago. It is not too much to say that Schley was the popular hero, whatever may have been the technicalities of the case. Senator Rayner of Maryland was his principal counsel.

The embalmed beef inquiry, after the close of the Spanish war, was one of the most important army investigations the service has seen.

Roosevelt Turned Down.
In passing, one might mention the work of the industrial commission, which is remembered more for the saying of Henry O. Havemeyer of the sugar trust, that the protective tariff is the mother of trusts, than for all the other millions of words of testimony it printed. The report of the commission was at one time the most widely quoted authority on industrial conditions in the country, but its vast volumes are seldom referred to now.

An important investigation was that of the New York custom house in 1877. Chester A. Arthur was then collector. He was identified with Roscoe Conkling, and president Hayes wanted to remove him. Conkling fought it and, and, and Arthur was forced out. Confirmation as collector, the name of a man who has since become a great factor in American politics—Theodore Roosevelt.

Although no charges were filed against him, he failed of confirmation. The failure was not because of the lack of fitness of the appointee, but because of the plague of Roscoe Conkling. It is perhaps the only time in the history of the country that a future president of the United States was removed from a collectorship and another failed of confirmation as his successor. This overhauling of the customs office was almost as thorough as the one collected by Loeb has been making.

Scandals of the Seventies.
There were perhaps more investigations of scandals in the seventies than in any other decade of American history. The disputes of the rival governments in some of the states, as in Louisiana, led to prolonged inquiries. The troubles in Virginia and Mississippi were made the subject of congressional investigations. The great scandal of the future president of the United States, which was the Credit Mobilier, in which many well known statesmen were involved. James G. Blaine and

the famous Mulligan letters figured in this affair. Mulligan had been a clerk to a man with whom Blaine had correspondence. He secured Blaine's letters, brought them to Washington and exhibited them. Blaine made an appointment with him to examine the letters. Thinking the Mulligan statement was nothing in good faith, Mulligan showed them to him. Blaine promptly put them in his pocket and announced that no power under heaven could force him to give them up. He afterward did offer to make them public, but Mulligan always declared that Blaine kept back the really incriminating ones.

A prolonged examination of the Credit Mobilier affair was made in congress, but only a few of its members were recommended for expulsion.

Frauds and Lobbies.
Other famous investigations of the period were those dealing with the whisky frauds, the quartermasters claims, the ship sinking scandal, the Tilden cipher messages, the star route cases, the public land frauds and the railroad lobbies.

It was in one of these cases that senator Hoar, then almost a new member, declared that every step of the building of the Union Pacific railroad, from its inception to its completion, had been steeped in fraud.

The house of representatives proudly styles itself the grand inquest of the nation, and very early in its life began to assert its right to make inquiries of whomsoever it pleased. The first instance was when charges were brought against Gen. St. Clair in 1793, while Washington was yet president. The house at first asserted its right to investigate an army officer, but afterward decided that as a matter of courtesy to the president it would waive its right and let him make the investigation.

Jackson Refuses Probe.
In 1826 John C. Calhoun was under the charge of having profited by a corrupt deal with a contractor while he was secretary of war. He asked the house to make an inquiry into the matter, and he was exonerated. Henry Clay also fell under the ban of the scandal monger at one time, and asked congress to investigate him. He, too, was cleared of the insinuations against his character.

In 1837 the house wanted to investigate Andrew Jackson, but it was not long in finding out that it had caught a tartar in Old Hickory. The hero of New Orleans thought that the executive had an authority equal to that of congress, and he did not propose to have the legislative end of the establishment investigate the executive end unless it was for purpose of impeachment. He replied as politely as his resolute manner would permit that "By the eternal, they could go to thunder with their probes."

The story of the inquiries that have been made by the government might be continued indefinitely. There have been dozens of investigations that were as full of importance and significance in their time as the Ballinger-Pinchot probe is today.

VALENTINE PEOPLE ENJOY PLAYLET

New Settlers Are Buying Land in That District—Valentine Notes.

Valentine, Texas, Feb. 9.—The recently completed auditorium of which Valentine is proud, was opened recently when a "playlet" was given under the auspices of Miss Ara Blanche George and in behalf of the Valentine Improvement club.

With a well fitted house the program was announced by Mrs. Lou Foley, president of the club. The program was delivered by Master Martin Snelus. Though only five years old he has a clear voice, a distinct pronunciation and could easily be heard anywhere in the spacious auditorium.

The program was carried out as announced in The Herald. Although the dramatic club is newly organized, all acquitted themselves with due credit, and everyone is proud of their praise.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Hanson and son, Henry Wiley of Saratoga Springs, N. Y., passed through Valentine in an auto en route to San Francisco, Cal. Their touring car brought them from New York to San Antonio in 28 days.

Mr. Hanson said the best roads they found were through Texas and the worst through Louisiana. They will return to New York by a northern route.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hartman have moved to Valentine, having proved up on their land near town.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Stewart were recent Valentine visitors.

S. B. Burton and bride, of Munday, Texas, have taken up their abode in Valentine.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harris, a baby girl.

Sam Means was a Valentine visitor lately.

M. J. Nesbitt is a guest at the Means ranch.

John J. Means has purchased the Lee Prude ranch and cattle. This ranch joins one already owned by Mr. Means.

T. W. Snyder was a recent Valentine visitor.

Mrs. T. A. Thomas, state organizer for the Woodmen circle, was in Valentine recently for the interest of the circle. A reception was given in honor of Mrs. Thomas at the home of J. T. Snelus. A musical and luncheon was enjoyed.

B. N. Scott and family, of Langtry, Texas, will arrive in Valentine soon to make this their future home. Mr. Scott will be first trip telegrapher at the depot.

Joseph Hesel will arrive at Valentine Thursday to take the second trip telegrapher position regularly.

Every house in Valentine is now occupied and more rent houses are in demand.

W. W. Briggs, pump repairer for the G. H. & S. A. railroad, has been in Valentine taking up all water pipes leading to private residences.

Messrs. J. A. Henry and A. H. Jordan of San Antonio were Valentine visitors lately.

A Mexican supper will be given February 14 by the Valentine Improvement club. It will be followed by a social dance at the auditorium.

Russell S. Brooks, of Birmingham, Ala., and Henry G. McFarlane, of Wilmington, N. C., are spending a few days in Valentine.

George W. Medley and wife, of Clarendon, Texas, are visiting their sons, Owen and J. C. Medley.

Capt. J. B. Gillett and wife are visiting at the home of G. W. Evans.

J. J. Means has gone to El Paso.



We are receiving some very "nifty" Spring Models in Ladies' Pumps, Oxfords and Strap Ties. And you know when they come from "PEW'S" they are distinctive and exclusive in design.

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Don't Let Another Day Pass Without Attending the

Closing Out Sale

of all Shelf and Builder's Hardware at

Cost Less

Hundreds of Good Bargains Left.

Gus Momsen

110 S. Oregon St.

to yourself. For what shall I profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul? You solve that problem for yourself.

I am specially interested that you choose Christ tonight, because I want Jesus Christ to have his rightful place in your heart, and I want you to influence for God and save those with whom you come in contact that they may be saved along with yourself.

Use Herald Want Ads.

Evangelistic Services Continue at First Methodist Church.

At the First Methodist church last night, Rev. C. O. Beckman spoke on "The One Thing Needful" at the evangelistic services which are in progress at that church. He chose his text from St. Luke 12: 42, the words of Jesus to Martha, "But one thing is useful and Mary hath chosen that good part which can never be taken away from her."

He said in part:

"There are a great many things that are important to us at one period of life that are looked upon with contempt at another period, but if you choose Jesus Christ and enshrine him in your heart there will not be a day from this hour on that he will not be the source of more real joy, inspiration and comfort than any or all other treasures of life combined."

"I am interested in your salvation, not that you may be saved from endless torment and enjoy eternal bliss; not because your soul is so valuable to me, but because it is of the greatest value to yourself."

Over-Eating Worse Than Starvation

Seven Deaths Arise From This Cause To One of Lack of Food.

A Trial Package of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets Sent Free.

An English medical observer claims that for one death to starvation there are seven from over-eating.

His investigation is appalling and leads one to believe that among the Anglo-Saxon race over-eating is a national crime.

This investigation proves over-eating to be the cause in ten cases out of twelve of dyspepsia, indigestion and stomach trouble.

These diseases bring on decay and decline of the other organs and death ensues because of an inability of the system to furnish proper nourishment to the dying and afflicted parts.

When one over-eats, one exhausts the gastric fluids, throws undigested food into the intestines where it creates poison and germ life and is finally absorbed in a putrid state or thrown from the system in a decaying form.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets will overcome the ill effects of gluttony and irregular eating. They will digest an abnormal amount of food and will not leave the stomach until everything has been digested.

A single one-grain ingredient of these tablets will digest 3000 grains of food and in this proportion is seen how even gluttony can be overcome or at least its most harmful effects removed. Send your name and address and we will send you a trial package free by mail. Address F. A. Stuart Co., 150 Stuart Bldg., Marshall, Mich.

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Advice to Women A Message From a Famous Beauty Specialist to Women Lacking in Energy and Vitality.

Thousands of women vainly attempt to improve their complexions and to remove blackheads, crows' feet and other blemishes, through the use of cosmetics. This treatment fails because the trouble lies far deeper than the skin. They are suffering from impure and impoverished blood. This condition is in many cases due to a catarrhal condition of the whole system which finds its expression in sallow, muddy complexion, dark circled eyes, general weakness of the system, and perhaps most plainly in the weeping of mucous membranes that is commonly called catarrh.

In fact this whole tendency is, properly speaking, catarrh. Banish this catarrh, and the complexion will clear as if by magic, eyes will brighten, faces become rosy and shoulders erect. Perfect beauty goes only with perfect health, and perfect health for women can only be obtained through one certain treatment—that which will cure catarrh.

Mme. Swift, New York, the famous beauty specialist known throughout the world and an accepted authority on all relating thereto, states that the one positive and permanent relief for catarrh is Rexall Mucu-Tone. Here is her letter:

"I can strongly endorse the claims made for Rexall Mucu-Tone as a cure for systemic catarrh. Its tonic effects are remarkable. It builds up the strength and restores vitality. If women who are tired and run down, lacking in energy and vitality, will use Rexall Mucu-Tone, they will realize as I do its strengthening and healing qualities."

Rexall Mucu-Tone works through the blood, acting thus upon the mucous cells—the congestion and inflammation of which causes local catarrh. This remedy causes poison to be expelled from the system, and the blood is purified and revitalized. Thus the natural functions of the mucous cells are restored, and the membranes are cleaned and made strong. We know that Rexall Mucu-Tone does relieve catarrh. We positively guarantee to refund the money paid us for the remedy in every case where the user is dissatisfied. It is a builder of vigorous health and a creator of good complexions. Price 50 cents and \$1.00 per bottle. Mail orders filled. It may be obtained only at our stores.—The Rexall Stores, People's Drug Store and Kelly & Pollard.

Angela and North El Paso streets, Sunset Heights—Jno. C. Hansen to Edwin A. Fruit, lot 24, west 1/2 lot 25, block 14, Sunset Heights addition; consideration \$4000. Feb. 3, 1910.

Northeast corner Newman and Arizona streets, Franklin Heights—Mountain Side Realty Co. to S. P. Weisiger, lots 11 and 12, block 82, Franklin Heights addition; consideration \$1500. Feb. 8, 1910.

Van Horn, Texas—Chas. J. Canda et al. to T. C. Wafford, lots 5 and 6, block 61, Van Horn, Tex.; consideration \$65. Dec. 13, 1909.

Tobin, Tex.—Frank R. Tobin to Mrs. Lena Feisinger, lots 1 to 4, block 15, Tobin, Tex.; consideration \$350. Jan. 11, 1910.

Licensed to Wed. Refugio Duarte and Petra Carrillo. Edward A. Hageman and Mary G. Carlos.

DEAD BODY OF MAN FOUND NEAR SOLOMONVILLE No Clue to the Identity, as He Had Been Dead a Long Time—Solomonville.

Solomonville, Ariz., Feb. 9.—The body of a man was found about ten miles from town. Who the man was, has not been ascertained. The man had been dead for a long time and so far no clue has been found as to his identity.

Two applicants took the enumeration test here for census enumerators. Mr. and Mrs. Will H. Parks, of Globe, came down to visit Mr. Parks's mother, W. H. Gillespie made a business trip to Globe to place some of his large stock of hay.

Dr. J. H. Lacy has just returned from Globe. The doctor went to look for a location, as he contemplates moving in the near future.

H. W. Bishop and his guests, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd, from Montrose, Iowa, went to Globe to visit the immense mining industries of that place.

NACO NEWS NOTES. Naco, Ariz., Feb. 9.—Dr. Ricketts came up from La Cananea in his automobile on his way to El Paso.

C. I. McReynolds and wife, of La Cananea left for the east recently.

Conductor Johnson has gone to Hot Springs, Arkansas, on a 60 days' lay-off on account of rheumatism.

Frederick Henry is now running as freight conductor between Naco and La Cananea.

Dr. Massey, a dentist, states that he intends opening an office in Naco, Sonora. Dr. Massey has been associated with Dr. Hawkins, of Bisbee, for the past few months.

Mrs. Eugene H. Stover has returned from a six months' visit in Portland, Me., where her parents reside.

CAPT. KITCHENS ILL. Capt. W. T. Kitchens of the joint warehouse was suddenly taken ill Monday and has not resumed his duties. It is believed he is suffering from stomach poisoning. Mounted inspector James Gayner is assisting George Slater in charge during Capt. Kitchens's absence.

NOT I Wouldn't Allow It.

"I always said," says a bright woman, "that I would never allow myself to become a rheumatic old woman hobbling around on a stick and munching my jaws on account of nervous ailments, but horror of horrors, two years ago the rheumatism came and general debility with it."

"I didn't waste any time but set to studying the question from a scientific standpoint and came to the conclusion that improper food was the cause of the trouble so I discarded meat, hot bread, pastry, and all foods prepared in lard and made up a new menu in which Grape-Nuts was the principal food. By this simple, pleasant change I not only got rid of the rheumatism but I made a big gain in other ways."

"Today I am glad to tell you that I haven't a pain or ache anywhere in my body and, although I do a great deal of literary work, my brain forces are clear and active, nerves are strong, and I am never troubled with insomnia. I weigh 145 pounds and am 65 years old. You will have to agree with me when I say I consider myself a worthy exponent of the beneficial and nourishing results of Grape-Nuts to which I owe my splendid health."

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